

CLAIMS:

1. A non-asbestos friction material made by molding and curing a composition comprising a fibrous base other than asbestos, a binder, a filler and an abrasive; wherein the
5 abrasive includes zirconium silicate beads.
2. The non-asbestos friction material of claim 1, wherein the zirconium silicate beads have an average particle size of
10 15 to 500 μm .
3. The non-asbestos friction material of claim 1, having a zirconium silicate bead content of 0.5 to 25 vol%, based on the overall composition.

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